Pay revision of bank employees

*213. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the reason for not finalizing the pay revision of Nationalized Banks, State Bank of India, Reserve Bank of India, Scheduled Commercial Banks, General Insurance Corporation, Life Insurance Corporation officers and employees and by when the pay revision of these employees would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): The pay revision of Nationalised Banks, State Bank of India, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Scheduled Commercial Banks is due from 1.11.2007. The pay revision of the employees of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and General Insurance Corporation (GIC) is due from 1.08.2007. Negotiations are being held between Indian Banks' Association (IBA) representing the managements of the Banks and the Unions / Associations to conclude the Pay revision. In the Insurance Sector, the LIC and General Insurers' (Public Sector) Association of India (GIPSA) are examining the Charter of Demands submitted by various Employees / Officers' Unions and Associations In the RBI, the recognised Unions & Associations have already submitted their Charter of Demands and preliminary discussions have taken place with workmen employees.

Modernisation of Kolkata airport

*214. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some political parties have written to the Prime Minister with reference to its policies on modernisation of Kolkata and 35 other non-metro airports in the country;

(b) if so, whether some of the parties have questioned Government's decision in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons put forward for reversing policy of modernisation of Kolkata and other 35 non-metro airports in the country; and

(d) what is the final decision taken and whether Government has agreed to modernise these airports also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) : (a) to (d) Yes, some Hon'ble Members of Parliament have expressed concern over delay in the process of modernisation of Kolkata and 35 non-metro airports. The Government have, accordingly approved the project of modernisation of Kolkata Airport at an estimated cost of Rs.1942.51 crores for implementation by AAI. The work has been awarded on 6.10.2008 and is likely to be completed in 30 months.

As per guidelines issued by COI, 35 non-metro airports, namely Amritsar, Agra, Agatti, Ahmedabad, Aurangabad, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Indore, Jaipur, Jammu, Khajuraho, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangalore, Nagpur, Pune, Ranchi, Trichy, Trivandrum, Udaipur, Varanasi, Visakhapatnam, Agartala, Coimbatore, Dimapur, Goa, Guwahati, Imphal, Patna, Port Blair, Raipur, Rajkot and Vadodara are being developed. The Terminal Building and Air Side infrastructure at these 35 non-metro airports are being developed by AAI in a time bound manner for completion by end March 2010. The City Side Development of select 24 Non-Metro airports is to be done through public- private partnership route.